

HONORING DR. JULIAN SEBASTIAN
AS A MEMBER OF THE RWJ EX-
ECUTIVE NURSE FELLOW PRO-
GRAM

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a distinguished member of the medical community of Central Kentucky. Dr. Juliann Sebastian is an Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for advanced practice nursing as well as the Director of Graduate Studies for the MSN degree program of the College of Nursing at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Sebastian is a dedicated medical professional who has educated countless students during their journey through nursing school.

Recently, Dr. Sebastian was honored by the Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Fellows Program at the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research's Annual Gala. This honor will allow Dr. Sebastian to embark on a three year self-study program while continuing her current duties at the University of Kentucky.

It is a pleasure to recognize Dr. Juliann Sebastian in the United States House of Representatives today, on her prestigious achievement. It is clear that the Fellows program recognized Dr. Sebastian's many talents and abilities to contribute so much to the medical community. As a fellow member of the medical community, I salute you, Dr. Sebastian.

RETIREMENT OF SANDY GOSS,
DEPUTY CHIEF OF COBB COUNTY
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERV-
ICES

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sandy Goss, Deputy Chief of Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services, for his dedication and commitment to the entire Cobb community, and to congratulate him on his retirement after 37 years of service.

Mr. Goss, who grew up around the fire department and following in his father's footsteps, joined the fire department full time immediately following his graduation from high school, in 1965.

Over the years, he worked his way through the ranks. In 1968, he was promoted to lieutenant; he made captain in 1983; he became the battalion chief in 1996; the following year he made colonel; and in 1998, he became deputy chief. While deputy chief, he was in charge of 85 percent of the department, with special operations, the HAZMAT team, technical rescue, vehicle maintenance, armored guards, and the fire suppression division all under his supervision.

He will be sorely missed, and will leave behind a legacy hard to match. I join many others in wishing Sandy and his family the very best.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RE-
SEARCH PROGRAM REAUTHOR-
IZATION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the passage of H.R. 2392, a bill to reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research Program, or SBIR.

Last year around this time, the House passed H.R. 2392. After months of work by the House and Senate, the Senate took action and passed H.R. 2392, with an amendment in July of this year. Their amendment incorporated both changes to the House provisions and new Senate provisions.

Now, H.R. 2392 is to go back to the Senate with additional Small Business provisions attached to the bill, but with the agreed-to provisions relating to SBIR untouched. These include: extending the program through fiscal year 2007; requiring small businesses to submit a concise commercialization plan with their proposals; requiring agencies participating in SBIR to provide an annual performance plan in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act; requiring the collection and maintenance of data which will allow program evaluation; and a National Research Council report on how SBIR has used small businesses to stimulate technological innovation and how agencies have used SBIR in meeting their research and development needs.

The above are the main provisions that emanated from the House. The Senate has added provisions, including: a partnership grant program between small businesses and states (FAST, Federal and State Technology Partnership Program), and a mentoring network developed through the funds provided for in the FAST program.

Overall, the provisions contained in this bill improve upon the SBIR program and I am confident that we can again work with the Senate to reach an agreement allowing for the continuation of this excellent program. I urge my colleagues to support this important reauthorization.

NEW YORK'S MOST OUTSTANDING
OLDER WORKER

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I name Bernard Tzall, a microbiologist at a research laboratory in Nassau County, as New York's Most Outstanding Older Worker for the year 2000.

I admire Bernard's dedication and commitment. At the age of 85, he is still working tirelessly to improve the lives of those around him through his research.

Bernard began working at the laboratory in the 1940s, after serving his country in the Army. Over his six decades of service, he has received awards from national, state, and local

organizations for his outstanding research and contributions to the community. In 1953, he was promoted to managing director of the Lab.

About ten years ago, Bernard was diagnosed with throat cancer and was forced to stop working. Miraculously, he was able to successfully fight off the cancer and he returned to work after his surgery.

Even with the handicap of using a voice-assisting prosthesis, he played an instrumental role in discovering the cure for an unknown virus in New York waters. Mr. Tzall is currently enrolled as a PhD. Candidate, becoming one of the oldest engineering students in the country. He continues to work at his laboratory, training new employees and managing its library.

The Prime Time 2000 award, sponsored by Green Thumb, was presented to an outstanding senior over the age of 65 from each state who works more than 20 hours per week. Mr. Tzall demonstrated excellence and commitment that put him in a class with a select few Prime Time recipients.

I commend Bernard for all he has overcome and all he has accomplished. I am honored to give him this recognition he well deserves.

PHARMACIA & UPJOHN ABUSE OF
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE SYS-
TEM: STARK CALLS FOR FDA IN-
VESTIGATION

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I have today sent the following letter to Pharmacia & Upjohn, highlighting the extent to which this company has been inflating its drug prices and engaging in other deceptive business practices.

The evidence I have been provided shows that Pharmacia & Upjohn has knowingly and deliberately inflated their representations of the average wholesale price ("AWP"), wholesale acquisition cost ("WAC") and direct price ("DP") which are utilized by the Medicare and Medicaid programs in establishing drug reimbursements to providers.

In doing so, Pharmacia & Upjohn is abusing the public trust, endangering patients by affecting physician prescribing practices, and exploiting America's seniors and disabled who are forced to pay 20% of these inflated drug costs. American taxpayers pick up the rest of the tab.

These findings are particularly timely as the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health will today markup a Medicare bill that seeks to delay any administrative action by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to alleviate this problem. This is bad policy. And I strongly oppose this provision of the bill. Reform of current Medicare drug reimbursement policy is needed now to protect taxpayer funds and public health.

To help bring an end to these harmful, misleading practices, I have today called on the FDA to conduct a full investigation into Pharmacia & Upjohn business practices.

These practices must stop and these companies must return the money that is owed to the public because of their abusive practices.

I would like to submit the following letter to Pharmacia & Upjohn into the RECORD.